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During the stay of the *Samaria* in Hongkong, excursions will be made to various points of interest, including Canton and Macao.

Many of the passengers are leading citizens of their home towns and entitled to one superlative or another. Besides at least six presidents of companies they include the wife and daughters of one of the richest men in Canada, Caruso's legal adviser, the largest importer of plumbago in the United States, a prominent New York society woman, prominent New York financiers, a great manufacturer of vaseline, the president of the company engaged in manufacturing the new cure for diabetes, the only woman magistrate of New York city and a Boston furniture manufacturer.

The *Samaria* is scheduled to complete the entire circuit of the world—some 30,000 miles—in a little over four months, arriving back at the point of starting on May 31st. Her cruise is so arranged that the tourists visit each country at the right height of the season of gaiety, and India and Burma when it was cool, and they will be in Japan in cherry blossom time.

They are fortunate to be favoured with good weather in Hongkong, for the beginning of April is usually wet, with the Peak enshrouded for days in mist. But the indications are that the large company of tourists will be favoured with glorious weather during their stay in the Colony.

**COTTON GROWING IN
AUSTRALIA.**

Mr. Crawford Vaughan, the managing director of the British Australian Cotton Growing Association, Ltd., has announced the completion of arrangements for obtaining the additional capital required for the development of the company's activities. The nominal capital of the association will be increased to £1,000,000, and £200,000 will be provided by Mr. B. Crompton Wood, chairman of the British Cotton Delegation which recently visited Australia; Mr. Hugh R. Denison, of Sydney; and Messrs. E. L. and C. Baillieu, of Melbourne. The new working capital will be used chiefly for the erection of ginneries and oil-mills in Queensland and New South Wales, to deal with the present season's cotton crop.

On the eve of the departure from Australia of Mr. B. Crompton Wood, chairman of the British Empire cotton delegation, the Prime Minister, Mr. Hughes, said: "These experts came out here at our request. After an extended tour of the country they are confident of the future of the industry. The members of the delegation state that the industry is now settled, and that machinery and plant to the value of £250,000 has been ordered. Two experts with experience in Egypt are remaining here to advise us. The members of the delegation arrived with doubt in their minds, but they leave in the belief that Australia can become the greatest cotton-growing country in the world."

The Commonwealth Government is guaranteeing, through the State Government, to contribute on a £1 for £1 basis, whatever may be the price realised for the cotton and the price guaranteed to growers. Reasonable expenses in preparing the cotton for and putting it on the market will be taken into consideration in ascertaining the difference. The guarantee will be limited to a period of three years. In Queensland the 1922 growing season promises to bring about practical results tending to establish the industry on a sound basis. For the season ending 31st July, 1923, growers will be guaranteed 5½d. per lb. for all seed cotton of good quality and free from disease, as soon as it is delivered on rail or water. It is stipulated that the cotton must be grown from seed obtained from the Queensland Department of Agriculture, and that grading and inspection of cotton must be done under supervision of Government officers. If the seed cotton eventually realises more than 5½d. per lb., any excess, after deducting the cost of ginning and marketing will be paid to growers pro rata. For the 1924 season the 5½d. per lb. guarantee will apply to seed cotton of 1½ inch staple, and for the years 1925 and 1926 the Government, if necessary, will continue some measure of assistance.

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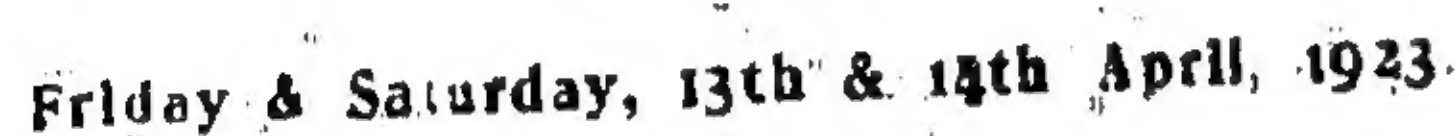
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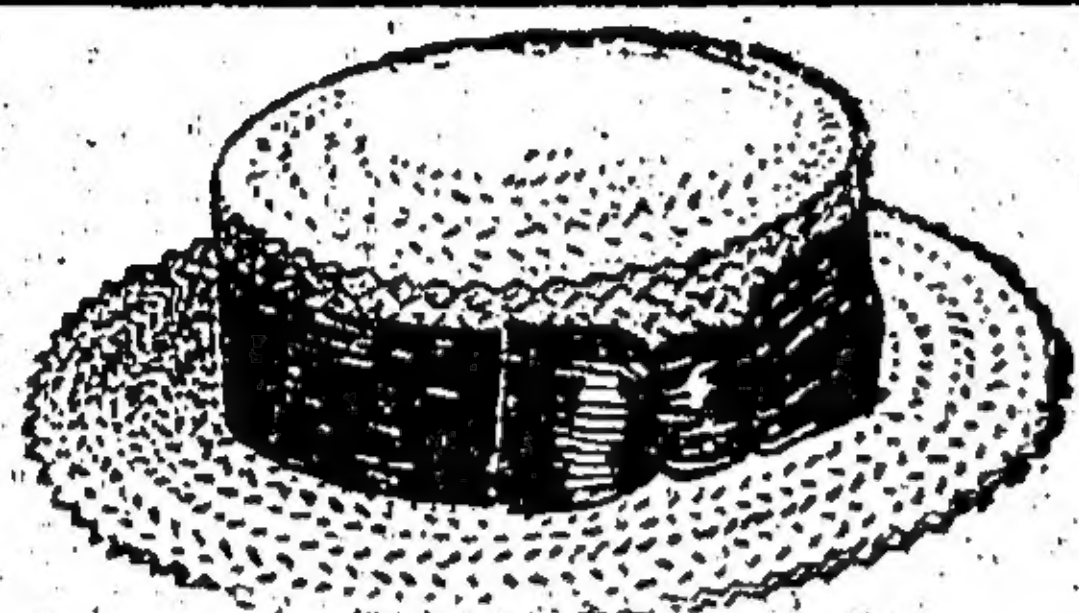
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CRICKET.

U.S.C.C. v. H.K.C.C.

The United Services and the Hongkong Cricket Club commenced a two-days' match on Saturday morning, which, at the end of the first day's play, saw the Club in a very strong position. Both sides fielded strong teams. The United Services turned out one new player, Lieut.-Commander Paffard, and he proved to be the most successful batsman.

The United Services were sent in first. Lieut.-Com. Paffard and Capt. de Fleming being the first to face the bowling. When four runs had been registered de Fleming was declared out l.b.w. Lieut. Lindsell, next man in, faced a little better, reaching double figures before being bowled by Owen Hughes, the score then standing at 23. A further twelve runs were added before Lieut. Lake was sent back to the pavilion clean-bowled by Owen Hughes. The next two wickets produced useful contributions, the fifth wicket falling at 92. The following five wickets, with the exception of a very useful 37 by Sergt. Cockell, represented a long tail and only added another 30 runs to the score. The side was out for 123.

The Club batsmen were in good form and in the first half of their innings they gave a brilliant display with the willow, the first five wickets falling at 35, 96, 181, 189 and 229 respectively. All five batsmen reached double figures. T. E. Pearce making a very fine 76, which was the highest score of the day. No fewer than 52 of his total were boundaries. The Rev. E. Quick also made a very useful 41. L. J. Davies, the Hongkong wicket keeper, hit out vigorously, treating the Services bowlers with scorn; but this proved his undoing. In Lieut. Gregory's twelfth over he scored 41, 8, 4, 8, and 4 off successive balls, making 21 runs in all. He stepped out to the sixth with the obvious intention of sending it to the boundary, but "skied" it, and Sergt. Cockell had an easy catch. Davies' total was 33. The Club side was out for 299.

When play resumes to-day the Services will be sent in to bat again with the heavy task of trying to make up 177, which they are now in arrears.

Scores:—

UNITED SERVICES.				
Lieut.-Com. Paffard, c. McNicoll, b. Quick	49			
Capt. de Fleming, l.b.w. Sayer	0			
Lieut. Kindell, b. Owen Hughes	10			
Lieut. Lake, b. Owen Hughes	2			
Rev. E. Quick, c. McNicoll, b. Quick	41			
Sergt. Cockell, b. McNicoll	37			
Capt. Dods, c. Wild, b. Quick	16			
Capt. Howard, l.b.w. Quick	3			
Pay-Lieut. Gregory, b. Quick	3			
Capt. Quinlan, c. Quick, b. McNicoll	4			
Lieut. Beatty, not out	1			
Extras	1			
Total	123			

Bowling Analysis.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Owen Hughes	14	2	30	2
G. R. Sayer	3	0	10	1
J. D. Crawford	4	0	24	0
Rev. E. Quick	10	1	28	5
E. G. Lammert	3	0	19	0
L. D. McNicoll	3	0	1	2

H.K.C.C.				
G. R. Sayer, c. Dods, b. Beatty	17			
T. E. Pearce, c. Dods, b. Fleming	76			
H. Owen Hughes, b. Gregory	23			
Rev. E. Quick, b. Quinlan	41			
R. H. Wild, c. Fleming, b. Gregory	23			
E. J. R. Mitchell, c. Fleming, b. Gregory	29			
L. D. McNicoll, b. Gregory	3			
H. E. Hollands, c. Purcell, b. Beatty	2			
L. J. Davies, c. Cockell, b. Gregory	33			
J. D. Crawford, not out	8			
E. G. Lammert, b. Gregory	5			
Extras	34			
Total	299			

Bowling Analysis.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lieut. Beatty	17	1	60	2
Lt.-Com. Paffard	6	0	39	0
Capt. Quinlan	10	0	35	1
Capt. de Fleming	9	0	23	1
Lieut. Gregory	12	2	61	8
Capt. Dods	4	1	7	0
Lieut. Lake	1	0	10	0

FIRST LEAGUE.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lieut. Beatty	17	1	60	2
Lt.-Com. Paffard	6	0	39	0
Capt. Quinlan	10	0	35	1
Capt. de Fleming	9	0	23	1
Lieut. Gregory	12	2	61	8
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C.S.C.C. v. THE R.G.A.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lieut. Beatty	17	1	60	2
Lt.-Com. Paffard	6	0	39	0
Capt. Quinlan	10	0	35	1
Capt. de Fleming	9	0	23	1
Lieut. Gregory	12	2	61	8
Capt. Dods	4	1	7	0
Lieut. Lake	1	0	10	0

In a league match, which was noteworthy for its fluctuations, played on Saturday at Happy Valley, the Royal Garrison Artillery defeated the Civil Service first string by 23 runs. The principal feature of the match was the bowling, which by a strange run of luck mastered the batting in no uncertain manner. The R. G. A. went in first, their first wicket falling at 13; the third also fell at 13. The score then crept up to 42 when the fourth fell, the fifth, sixth and seventh going down with no addition to the score. Ling dismissing three of the Garrison men cheaply. A last wicket stand by Sergt. Stevens and Sergt. Holloway saved the situation and they increased the score between them from 56 to 118.

The Civil Service opened well but, after the fall of the third wicket, their batsmen could do nothing against the bowling of Doggett and Frampton, the seventh wicket went down with the score standing at 88, whilst the next three fell with no increase to the score. Doggett's bowling average was the best of the match. He averaged 5 runs per wicket. Ling was not far behind with an average of six runs per wicket.

R.G.A.				
Lieut. Chester, l.b.w. Lumble	5			
Gr. Frampton, b. Ling	18			
Capt. Bensley, b. Ling, b. Lumble	18			
Bdr. Doggett, b. Lumble	0			
Capt. Barrett, c. Sutherland, b. Ling	7			
Lieut. Fisher, b. Ling	0			
Gr. Davis, b. Ling	4			
Gr. Lelliott, b. Ling	0			
Sergt. Stevens, not out	27			
Gr. Dyer, b. Taylor	1			
Sergt. Holloway, b. Taylor	40			
Extras	6			
Total	118			

Bowling Analysis.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
F. J. Ling	11	2	30	5
P. T. Lumble	9	4	24	3
W. Taylor	4	0	30	2
F. Baker	2	0	28	0

C.S.C.C.				
A. R. Sutherland, c. Stevens, b. Holloway	32			
A. Grummett, c. and b. Holloway	5			
F. Baker, c. Dyer, b. Frampton	21			
E. C. Fletcher, b. Frampton	1			
A. E. Wood, b. Doggett	3			
W. H. Edmunds, b. Doggett	3			
F. H. Holdman, b. Doggett	9			
P. T. Lumble, b. Frampton	9			
Gregory, b. Frampton	0			
F. J. Ling, c. Stevens, b. Doggett	0			
R. W. Taylor, not out	0			
Extras	0			
Total	88			

Bowling Analysis.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Gr. Frampton	10	4	39	4
Sergt. Holloway	3	0	27	2
Bdr. Doggett	6	2	22	4

SECOND LEAGUE.

I.R.C. 2nd XI. v. KOWLOON 2nd XI.

The Indians 2nd XI ended their League fixture, on Saturday by defeating at Sookunpo, the Kowloon 2nd XI by one wicket and 60 runs. They thus won the League without having been beaten this season. They won 3 and drew 2 matches.

Kowloon going in first, knocked up 118 runs. They started promisingly with 6 wickets for 98 runs but the tail did not keep up and the last four wickets fell for 18 runs only, Petheram being their top-scorer with 31 runs. The fielding of the Indians was very keen.

H. D. Ramjahn and D. Ramjahn opened well for the Indians and gave them a good lead by knocking up 56 runs before they were separated, and when time was up the team had compiled 170 runs for 6 wickets. A. Kitchell with 34 runs, retired, was top-scorer and he also had the best average for bowling for the day with 29 runs for 4 wickets.

Scores are appended:—

KOWLOON.				
H. H. Benson, b. H. D. Ramjahn	0			
H. Overy, b. H. D. Ramjahn	29			
B. Petheram, b. A. Kitchell	31			
E. F. Spinks, b. A. Kitchell	0			
E. J. Edwards, c. G. Ramjahn, b. Aroulli	13			
U. L. H. Railton, b. A. Kitchell	8			
J. Fraser, c. Nazarin, b. Aroulli	10			
W. J. Shenton, c. Nazarin, b. Aroulli	0			
W. J. Wolley, c. O. Ramjahn, b. H. D. Ramjahn	8			
D. Ramjahn, not out	0			
E. Hoather, not out	0			
J. Connelly, c. H. D. Ramjahn, b. Aroulli	14			
Extras	1			
Total	118			

Bowling Analysis.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
H. D. Ramjahn	7	5	39	2
F. M. Aroulli	8	1	33	4
A. Kitchell	7	0	27	4
U. L. H. Railton	1	0	9	0

BOWLED 2 WIDE BALLS.

I.R.C.

F. M. Arculli, c and b Overy	4
O. Ramjahn, c Fraser, b Spinks	29
I. Hassan, run out	6
E. Moosdeen, not out	13
A. R. M. Samy, b Railton	14
A. G. Abbas, not out	0
Extras	15
<hr/> Total (for 9 wickets).....	170

Bowling Analysis.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
E. F. Spinks	17	3	30	9
J. Fraser	8	2	29	0
H. Overy	10	0	48	4
N. L. H. Railton	10	0	44	1
W. J. Shenton	2	0	10	0

FRIENDLY MATCHES.

H.M.S. "TITANIA" v. CRAIGENGOWER.

On Saturday a friendly match was played between a side selected from the H.M.S. Titania and Craiggower which resulted in a win for the Civilian side by 17 runs. The Titania had first knock and they opened in a disastrous manner, the first eight wickets falling principally to the bowling of Abbas, whilst the score stood in the neighbourhood of 20. The tail, however, waggled vigorously and in the closing stages of the innings the score steadily mounted to 88, Lieut. D'Arcy Evans and A. B. Gibbs making a good last wicket stand.

Craiggower replied with 106, Bradbury, Y. Abbas and E. W. Major being the principal contributors to the score.

Scores:—

H.M.S. "TITANIA."				
Watson, c. and b. Abbas	0			
P. O. Philpott, c. and b. Abbas	1			
Dennys, b. Gibbs	5			
Emery, b. Major	6			
L. S. Blumson, c. Hope, b. Abbas	1			
Lieut. Menyies, c. White, b. Abbas	8			
Lieut. Buchanan, c. White, b. Laurence	3			
P. O. Brook, b. Abbas	0			
Lieut. D'Arcy Evans, not out	22			
Sgt. Simmonds, c. Abbas, b. Grierson	4			
Extras	13			
Total	89			

Bowling Analysis.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
M. Y. Abbas	3	1	2	3
E. W. Major	2	2	0	1
F. E. Laurence	3	0	14	1
Y. Abbas	2	0	6	2
Grierson	2	0	11	0
Modi	2	0	16	0
Paice	2	0	15	0
T. Gibbs	2	0	14	2

CRAIGENGOWER.

F. E. Laurence, c. Emery, b. Blumson	12			
White, c. Evans, b. Emery	0			
M. Abbas, b. Gibbs	2			
T. Gibbs, b. Gibbs	0			
B. W. Bradbury, c. Evans, b. Watson	30			
Y. Abbas, b. Buchanan	20			
E. W. Major, c. Brook, b. Emery	7			
Grierson, b. Gibbs	4			
Modi, not out	13			
Paice, c. Menyies, b. Gibbs	1			
Hope, b. Watson	3			
Extras	5			
Total	108			

Bowling Analysis.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Gibbs	11	0	31	4
Emery	5	1	29	9
Blumson	5	0	20	1
Buchanan	2	0	20	1
Watson	3	0	11	2

H.M.S. "MAGNOLIA" v. C.S.C.C. 2nd XI.

An all-day friendly match was played on Good Friday between the H.M.S. Magnolia and the second string of the C.S.C.C., both sides batting twice. The match resulted in a win for the Civil Service men by five wickets and 75 runs.

In their first innings the Naval men compiled 88, Taylor securing six of their wickets for the small score of 17 runs. The Civil Service replied with 59 runs, the successful bowler this time being A. B. Ingram who secured seven wickets for 29 runs. Going in for the second time the Magnolia men fared even worse than in

THE VICTORIA REGATTA. KEEN RACING DURING FIRST DAY'S SPORT.

The first day's racing in connection with the Victoria Regatta took place at Black Boulder Point, Kowloon Bay, on Saturday. The regatta is an annual affair, held under the auspices of the Victoria Recreation Club, and this is the fifty-third meeting. The day's racing was exceedingly keen, and some excellent finishes were witnessed. A very high wind prevailed all day and the sea was on the rough side, but the sports were not prejudiced to any great degree.

The great race of the day was the International Challenge Cup for fours. The distance was one mile, and the event was confined to members of the Victoria Recreation Club. An English crew and a Danish crew were the only competitors, and they were—

English—G. P. Claridge (stroke); P. Buck-Keene (No. 3); D. E. G. Wemyss (No. 2); H. E. G. Stevens (bow); and G. G. Slade (cox).

Danish—H. Dreyer (stroke); H. Kasperen (No. 3); J. Noorgaard (No. 2); B. Rasmussen (bow); and G. R. Rayner (cox).

At the start the Danish crew got away a length and a half ahead. They kept that position right up to the half mile post, but after that the English crew came up very gradually, and at the three-quarter mile post had reduced the lead by half a length. Finally within 200 yards of the finishing post the English crew made their big effort, and finished a third of a length ahead of their opponents. The finish was a very fine struggle, and as close a thing as has been seen here for some time. The winning crew covered the course in 7 minutes, 15 seconds. During this race the wind was at its height.

The second race of the day was the Senior Pairs, over a three quarter mile course. The entrants were—O. Stutz and S. Berg; B. J. de Moore and W. R. Andrews; C. Earnshaw and H. Hyndman.

Earnshaw and Hyndman took the lead at the start, closely followed by Moore and Andrews, with Stutz and Berg third. This order was maintained as far as the quarter mile post, and then Moore and Andrews came up and were leading by a length and a half at the half mile post. Stutz and Berg came into second place, and Earnshaw and Hyndman dropped back to third. Results—

1st, Moore and Andrews; 2nd, Stutz and Berg; 3rd, Earnshaw and Hyndman.

A good deal of interest was evinced in the fourth race of the day for the Lusitano Cup for senior fours. The distance was a mile, and the three competing teams were as follows:—

J. Noorgaard (stroke); S. Berg (No. 3); D. E. T. Wemyss (No. 2); and C. Earnshaw (bow).

H. Dreyer (stroke); R. Buck-Keene (No. 3); W. R. Andrews (No. 2); and H. Hyndman (bow).

B. J. de Moore (stroke); Huyser (No. 3); O. Stutz (No. 2); and F. Schnepel (bow).

The three boats got well away from the start, with Dreyer's crew a quarter of a length ahead. The other two boats were close together, and at the half mile post Dreyer's crew added another three quarters of a length to their lead. At about a hundred yards from home Noorgaard's crew came up, and challenged the leaders; actually they came within an ace of winning, for they were only five feet behind when the winning post was passed.

Result:—1st, Dreyer's crew; 2nd, Noorgaard's crew; 3rd, de Moore's crew.

There were two entries for the Chinese Challenge Cup for junior fours. They were:—

C. S. Rosset (stroke); G. A. Jack (No. 3); J. Harrop (No. 2); F. Tonnochy (bow); E. D. Jordan (cox).

B. Rasmussen (stroke); H. Kasperen (No. 3); A. M. Rocha (No. 2); D. Urquhart (bow); G. R. Razavi (cox).

The distance was a mile.

Rasmussen's crew got well away at the start, but after passing the half mile post a crab was caught, and considerable way was lost, so that Rosset's crew was able to forge ahead, and win by a length and a half.

Result: 1st, Rosset's crew; 2nd, Rasmussen's crew.

Only two boats raced in the Junior Sculls over a half mile course. They were: A. M. Rocha, and B. Rasmussen. Soon after the start Rocha crossed his opponent's bows, and so lost the race on a foul.

Result: 1st, Rasmussen.

The committee and officials were as follows:—

Rowing Committee.—Mr. H. Dreyer, Rowing Captain, Mr. B. J. de Moore, Mr. B. Rasmussen, Mr. A. M. Rocha, Mr. E. J. Elver, Mr. Stutz, Mr. G. May, Mr. A. A. Alve, Mr. A. Van Andel, Mr. C. Earnshaw.

Judges and Umpires.—Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen, Mr. W. Logan, Mr. D. K. Blair, Mr. A. McKirdy, Mr. A. A. Alve, Mr. E. W. Carpenter, Mr. A. Van Andel, Capt. Pilkington, Mr. A. H. Carroll, Mr. E. Cook, Capt. P. T. Wheeler.

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GOOD FRIDAY ORATORIO. SELECTIONS AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

St. John's Cathedral was crowded on Good Friday evening to hear a number of oratorio selections.

The programme opened with Wagner's "Good Friday music" played by Mr. Denman Fuller on the organ. Then a choir of fifty voices sang "Saviour thy Children keep" (Sullivan). Mrs. T. L. Perkins sang the solo "He was despised." Mr. D. J. Brown, assisted by the chorus, sang "No Shadows yonder" (Gaud), and Mrs. N. Mathieson sang "And Jesus then." Mrs. Collett and Mrs. Goldsmith rendered Mendelssohn's duet "I waited for the Lord," and Sterndale Bennett's "God is a Spirit," was rendered by a quartette consisting of Messrs. H. J. Best, H. Anniss, S. Collett and W. J. Haggard. The trio "In the Sight of the Unwise" (Ouseley), was given by Mrs. Clements, Miss Willmott and Mrs. T. L. Perkins; the duet "My hope is in the Everlasting" (Stainer), by Mrs. Clements and Mr. H. Anniss, and the quartette "Beside the Cross," by Mrs. D. J. Brown, Mrs. N. Mathieson, Mr. H. Anniss and Mr. G. H. Piercy, assisted by the chorus.

Mr. Denman Fuller, F.R.C.O., played the organ accompaniments throughout the evening, and to him belongs the credit of training the choir.

The chorus was composed of the following ladies and gentlemen:—Mrs. Balean, Mrs. D. J. Brown, Mrs. Clements, Mrs. Collett, Miss R. Mow Fung, Miss Green, Miss Grosvenor, Miss Hansen, Mrs. Lay, Mrs. Luck, Miss Marsh, Miss Russell, Mrs. Stark, Miss Willmott, Mrs. M. Cooper, Mrs. Goldsmith, Mrs. G. G. Mathieson, Mrs. T. L. Perkins, Mrs. D. W. Salter, Mrs. Stubbings, Miss Taylor, Mr. H. J. Best, Mr. H. Anniss, Mr. M. R. Bell, Mr. E. C. C. Carr, Mr. W. Gill, Mr. C. G. G. Carr, Mr. W. Gill, R.N., Mr. A. W. King, Mr. Y. C. Teh, Mr. T. A. Bersey, Mr. S. Collett, Mr. W. H. Edmunds, Mr. A. P. Galloway, Mr. W. J. Haggard, Mr. S. Paul, Mr. E. C. Thomas, Mr. B. Trafford, Mr. W. K. Reynolds, Mr. W. Sampson, Mr. F. Smith, Rev. G. E. Updell, M.A., Mr. Y. H. Wong.

During the singing of the closing hymn, "Rock of Ages," a collection was made on behalf of the Cathedral Organ Fund.

ITALIAN CONVENT SCHOOL.

The Results of examinations in Type-writing and Pitman's Shorthand held in December at the Italian Convent, China Road, have arrived from Bath and are as follows:—

Amazoneas Certificate, 100 words a minute speed.—Miss Dolly Hansen.

Amazoneas Certificate, 80 words a minute speed.—Misses Ada Pepperell, Jacintha Domingo, and Daisy Dunnett.

Spoken, 80 words a minute.—Miss Beatrice Santos.

Theory Certificate.—Misses Gertrude Julian (1st best); Rosa Rosario (2nd best); Beatrice Gill (3rd best); Daisy Dunnett, Conchita del Pan, Ettie Rosario, Iris Warren, Dorothy Whitehead, Amy Stanham and Queenie Julian.

Full Certificate.—Misses Frances Dunn, Dorothy Murray, Katherine Hunt and Dolores Talmage.

V.R.O. SPORTS.

The Victoria Recreation Club sports are fixed for the 21st April, and all entries are to be in by the 14th April. The sports will be held on the Hongkong Football Club ground at Happy Valley, and some keen racing is expected.

The general programme will be on much the same lines as last year, an innovation being the marathon race, which reference was made in last Thursday's Daily Press.

INTERPORT HOCKEY.

A Shanghai telegram to the Daily Bulletin states that Shanghai defeated Hongkong Garrison by 4 to 2.

A Bouter's message states that the Hongkong Garrison beat Tientsin by 2 to 0.

The Hongkong Garrison team is composed of Indian Officers selected from the Hongkong and Singapore R.G.A., and from the 4th Bombay Grenadiers. They left for Shanghai a week ago in charge of Lieut. Purkes of the H.R.S. R.G.A. and Lieut. Bacon of the Grenadiers. Arrangements were made for the team to play a number of matches in Shanghai, including a match with the Indian police under Capt. Barrett's command.

Starter.—Mr. E. W. Carpenter and Mr. J. A. E. Ballock.

Assistant Starters and Timekeepers.—Mr. J. Stone, Mr. J. Lyon, Mr. T. Meek, Mr. Ralph.

Scoring Committee.—Mr. D. K. Blair, Mr. A. Van Andel, Mr. Rouse, Mr. J. Stone.

Clerk of the Course and Referee.—Mr. O'Farrell.

Competitors Stewards.—Mr. R. H. B. Mitchell, Mr. R. T. Crocker, Mr. F. Schnepel, Capt. Bayliss, Mr. E. Buss, others.

Hon. Treasurer, Victoria Regatta.—Mr. B. J. de H. Moore.

Hon. Secretary.—Mr. R. O. Wittell.

Racing will be continued at 11 a.m. this morning.

Mr. Dalsiel very kindly lent his yacht the Plover as flagship for the day.

SIDELIGHTS ON CHINESE LIFE.

SATURDAY MORNING AT THE
POLICE COURT.

A QUEEN MEDLEY OF CASES.

The Police Court on Saturday seemed likely to provide—as it often does—illuminating side lights on Chinese manners and customs. When the Court opened, an object became, as they say, "the cynosure of all eyes"—a truly horrible specimen of a Chinese lion's head mask, which quite outshone the British Lion over the magisterial bench. The latter, however, took no notice, but continued, rampantly, its first endeavour to fetch the Unicorn on the nose. There would be some excuse if the Lion failed to recognise its Chinese kinsman and mistook it, perhaps, for a poor relation—the Chinese cat—because of its fearful grin.

Other curious "properties" incidental to the day's dull and often sordid drama were: an enamelled hand basin full of bricksbats; a stave of Singapore firewood, alleged to have been partly responsible for a broken head swathed in bandages, visible at the back of the gloomy Court; a gold pendant and chain; a dagger whose possession, later on brings its owner three months' surcease from the struggle for existence; and a great quantity of the rather elaborate apparatus which has to be skillfully manipulated before one can enjoy a pipe of opium.

A NEW WAY WITH THE HOUSING PROBLEM?

Anyone unaccustomed to local police court routine might well be mystified at the way the day's proceedings begin. "Cor—r—" intones the Court constable; everyone rises and remains standing until the Magistrate takes his seat.

A lad steps forward. The interpreter addresses him in Chinese and he replies (we learn from the interpreter): "I have just come up from the country."

"Fined \$2," says the Magistrate. "Is this a new scheme for discouraging pressure upon housing accommodation in the Colony, and 'taking the foreigner' to keep him out (as the late Mr. Joseph Chamberlain recommended)? Oh, no. Charges are not read in English, and an obliging Inspector will tell you that the boy was fined \$2, not for 'coming up from the country,' but for hawking without a license after he had arrived."

THE COMMON MOUND AND DAILY TASK.

These cases continue for some time (and are heard every day). One cannot help feeling that it is rather derogatory to the dignity of the law to wield its terrors against such petty "crimes," but, presumably, hawkers would become a serious public nuisance if not kept strictly in check. In the opium cases, two dollars per head, is the tariff of fines for the handful of wretched creatures collected daily from the Colony's quota of illicit opium smokers. The man who takes the smokers' money in the divans has the option of paying a fine of \$50 or going to prison for a month, and judging from his usually poverty-stricken appearance he probably takes out the sentence at the public expense. The surprising thing is that folk are found willing to take the risk of conducting an opium divan, seeing that the fees paid by the smokers who visit them range no higher than from five to ten cents, and Goodness knows how many hours they dream away for these small sums.

INNUMERABLE CASES.

The revenue officer takes innumerable oaths—one to each case—it is not permitted that he should be sworn, once, to tell the truth till (tiffin-time), and at last there is an end to the melancholy procession of "opium-finders"—endangered, detected, helpless human skeletons who look as though they often spend five cents on "forgetfulness" when a basin of rice would stand them in better stead.

LAW OF PROCESSIONS.

"Way for the Chinese Lion." The grinning head is borne aloft by a constable who feels that for once he is in the centre of the picture. But the Magistrate is not going to have the Court turned into a circus, not even to oblige the sketch writer. Take it outside," he says curtly, and the policeman withdraws, crystalline.

Three well-to-do Chinese are the supporters of the Lion (speaking in a heraldic sense), and the Magistrate addresses them as follows: "The Inspector has made enquiry and he finds it is an offence to conduct processions on the south part of the Kowloon Peninsula, and it is not an offence on the part where you were—north of Yau-mat Police Station. You are discharged." From which it is gathered that the charge was one of holding a procession without permission; also, that the law has little inconsistencies, here as elsewhere. Those who wish to "process" may do so on one side of Yau-mat Police Station, but not on the other. Sprinkling was rife "as to the method by which the erstwhile defendants got their lion home, without being charged with 'procession,' illegally, in Hongkong, but the Press was too busy to go out and see.

UNRELIABLE THIEVES.

Next: two clumsy young pickpockets—whom Fazio would have considered a disgrace to his Academy—go to prison, and an intelligent young Chinese woman gets back the gold pendant aforesaid. The two lads had already been so unskillful as to attract the attention of a policeman—who was shadowing them—when Boy No. 1 made a snatch at the girl's pendant. As usual, he moved it to his confederate, but without the girl seeing the action. She snatched No. 1, who got away and slipped straight into the arms of the policeman. The lad obligingly conducted the

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SEQUEL TO A FATAL MOTOR ACCIDENT.

MOTOR DRIVER CHARGED WITH
MANSLAUGHTER.

After a protracted inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the death of a chauffeur who died in the Government Civil Hospital on February 18th, as the result of injuries received in a motor-car collision at Tylam Tuk Reservoir a jury brought in a verdict of reckless and negligent driving on Thursday against the Chinese driver of car No. 29. As a sequel to this the driver Ngok Wing, was brought before Mr. J. R. Wood on Saturday morning and charged with manslaughter. At the request of the police, the Magistrate formally remanded the case.

It is alleged that the car was proceeding along the Repulse Bay Road on February 18th when it overtook another car No. 753. Car No. 29 is alleged to have been proceeding at considerable speed and grazed the side of the road. On coming out into the middle of the road again the two cars collided and Lam Cheung, who was in car No. 29 was seriously injured and has since died.

HONGKONG TRADE.

A QUIET MARKET.

The fortnightly Price Current and Market Report, published by the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, states:—

Cotton piece goods and fancy cotton goods.—In the last fortnight demand has slackened somewhat, and only moderate sales of dyed and fancy goods are reported. Some small sales of white shirtings are mentioned. Clearances are better.

Cotton Yarn.—Market continues dull with very little business passing. Prices are sagging in sympathy with the decline in the raw material. Quotations are nominal. Quotations are:—No. 10s. \$165/100; No. 12s. \$170/100; No. 16s. \$190/200; No. 20s. \$172/200. Arrivals, 4,600 bales. Shipments, 10,000 bales. Sales, 900 bales. Unsold stock 13,000 bales. Bargains 9,000 bales.

Woolens.—The market is very quiet owing to the unsettled feeling prevailing as to the future trend of things in Canton. Raw Cottons. Stocks are nil, and quotations are purely nominal.—Indian staple at \$39/41, Chinese grades at \$39/46.

Metals.—Business during the last fortnight has been quiet. Small sales of wire nails are reported at higher prices. Local prices are firmer. Flour market report.—Stock estimated at 400,000 sacks. Quotations: American Patent, \$3.00 per sack; American Straight, \$3.05 per sack; American Cut off, \$3.10 per sack; Shanghai Flour, \$3.15 per sack; Australian No. 1, \$3.15 per sack. Window glass.—Local stocks running low. Sugar.—Market continues strong and advancing. Saltpetre.—Very quiet.

police to the address of his confederate, who still carried, in the lining of his cap, the stolen pendant! Really, Fazio would have washed his hands entirely of such wretched exponents of the art. To the Magistrate, No. 1 claimed that he was an innocent bystander, but did not explain how he was able to take the police to the other boy's place of abode. "You have been to prison before," inquired the Magistrate. "Yes, once," and 1923 has no more pleasures for him, nine months' being the sentence.

THE BATTLE OF THE BAZAAR.

The Magistrate takes a breather, and the Court adjourns for a few minutes while 30 men are lined up around the basinful of bricksbats. There is a connection between the two. In Jardine's Bazaar, East Point, are three houses, two on one side of the way and one on the other, where dwell two clans of Chinese men; workers at the Sugar Refinery. As is the case just now in China generally, and with as little reason, internecine strife broke out. A quarrel between two small boys is supposed to have started it—this was on the morning of Good Friday. The mothers took sides in the dispute and egged on their menfolk "if they called themselves men" to go in and settle it. A tremendous shindy was soon in full blast. Dwellers on one side of the road bombarded the dwellers on the other. The air was thick with stones, bricks and other missiles, and, judging from the look of the premises afterwards, if the battle had gone on long enough the houses would have been transferred piece meal to opposite sides of the road. Such of the participants as were not in hospital were "presented at Court" on Saturday and remanded for a week on bail, that sugar may continue to be refined—given if the refiners are not—in the interval. Some curiosity was expressed as to the method by which Inspector Cockle and a few police rounded up thirty men. "Did they fall in two-deep at the sound of your whistle?" asked a waggish brother officer. The explanation appeared to be that the men are anchored here by considerations of daily bread—or, rather, rice—so, after the row was over, it was a fairly simple matter to arrest most of the male inhabitants of the three houses.

WANTED: A GOOD BARBARIAN.

The upshot of the last case worthy of notice was that an American seaman, strangled "here" since the millionaire tourist ship, *Resolute*, left, urgently needs an opportunity of working his passage home to New Jersey, U.S.A. Shipping Companies despatching steamers for the Atlantic seaboard, and willing to help by finding the man a job, should communicate with the police.

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THE FRENCH IN THE RUHR

THREATENED EXPULSION OF HALF A MILLION RAILWAYMEN.

SOVIET AND THE ARCHBISHOPS.

ONE CONDEMNED TO DEATH.

BULGARIA AND THE GREAT WAR.

GENERALS AND MINISTERS SENTENCED.

LATEST CABLES.
(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

THE RUHR.

FRENCH OCCUPY KRUPPS AUTOMOBILE WORKS.

BERLIN, March 30th.
Advices from Essen state that when the French occupied the automobile section of Krupp's works, the workmen struck, and assembled in a crowd outside the building. The French mounted machine-guns, and when about to withdraw suddenly fired, apparently considering the attitude of the men threatening. They killed one and wounded several. The crowd then attacked and thrashed the occupants of a motor-car, who were removed by the French. The Krupp steelworks are closed as a sign of mourning, and a protest.

The French have occupied the premises of the Benz Motor Company at Mannheim. The workmen immediately struck.

BERLIN, March 30th.
The latest advices from Essen state that six persons were killed in the shooting at Krupp's.

BERLIN, March 31st.
It has now been ascertained that 11 were killed and 35 wounded in the disturbance at Krupp's.

FRENCH ACCOUNT OF THE DISTURBANCES.

ESSEX, March 31st.
A French account of the disturbances says that a lieutenant and ten men were executing an order to requisition motor-cars when Krupp's workmen, warned by the factory sirens, stoned the soldiers and threatened them with revolvers. They also attempted to turn jets of steam on the Frenchmen, who, as a warning, fired in the air, after which they fired on the crowd, 6 workmen being killed and 30 wounded. Subsequently, the crowd stopped, and attacked a motor-car which was driven by a soldier, and contained two mine managers from the French devastated areas. The car was smashed, valuables stolen, and the occupants maltreated.

REPARATIONS SUGGESTIONS BY FRENCH SOCIOLOGIST.

PARIS, March 31st.
Voicing the sentiments of many French men, who believe that a definite prolongation of French control in the Ruhr area is tantamount to annexation, and therefore dangerous, the well-known sociologist, Georges Barnich, publishes a book under the auspices of Senators De Jouvenel and De Menzie, explaining a new plan for making Germany pay.

The book declares that Germany should be informed immediately that France is prepared to reduce her claims, and suggests that Germany would be able to increase the offer of reparations in kind, by making deliveries to the value of 270,000,000 within the next five years. Germany could also raise a loan for the same amount this year, destined for the Allies, the receipts from the customs being assigned to the service of the loan, and controlled by the League of Nations.

FRENCH THREATEN FURTHER BIG EXPULSIONS.

DUSSELDORF, March 31st.
Half-a-million German railwaymen are threatened with expulsion from the occupied territory, by an order placarded by General Degoutte, unless they resume work. The strikers are still receiving pay from the German Government.

ANOTHER LARGE HAUL OF GERMAN MONEY.

The French occupation forces at Hoescht have made another big haul of money, amounting to ten milliard marks and four hundred thousand francs, which was supposedly being despatched to support German resistance in the Ruhr area.

QUESTION OF U-BOAT COMMANDER'S IDENTITY.

BERLIN, March 31st.
In consequence of the arrest of Steinbrink, alleged to be the commander of the U-boat which sank the *Sussex*, the German Admiralty announces that the *Sussex* was sunk by U-23, commanded by Fueseler, who was drowned when the U-23 was sunk by a trawler off the Lizard.

DISAPPOINTING SUBSCRIPTIONS TO GERMAN LOAN.

BERLIN, March 31st.
The Ministry of Finance announces that the total subscriptions to the dollar Treasury Loan of two hundred million marks, mentioned in a cable message dated March 28th, is not yet known, but half of the amount guaranteed by the banks has been subscribed by the public. The banks must make good the margin.

The Ministry is satisfied, and says that the Reichsbank will use the money to support the currency on a considerably broader basis than hitherto.

It is estimated that the public have only subscribed fifty million gold marks, which the Press regards as disappointing, pointing out that unless the mark is stabilized, resistance on the Ruhr cannot be maintained.

SOVIET DEATH SENTENCES. ONE COMMUTED TO TEN YEARS' IMPRISONMENT.

LONDON, March 31st.
Advices from Moscow state that the sentence on Archbishop Cieplak has been commuted to ten years' imprisonment, but the death sentence on Bishop Budkiewicz has been confirmed.

The order commuting the sentence passed on Archbishop Cieplak to ten years' solitary confinement, attributes the decision to the fact that the carrying out of the death sentence might be construed by Russian Catholics as a persecution of their faith.

The announcement of the confirmation of the death sentence on Bishop Budkiewicz says that the Judge found that he had combined anti-revolutionary agitation with his clerical duties.

BULGARIA AND THE WAR. GENERALS AND MINISTERS RECEIVED HEAVY SENTENCES.

SOFIA, March 31st.
The Supreme Court gave judgment in the case of generals and ministers who were in office at the time of Bulgaria's entry into the War.

Premier Radoslavoff and five other members of his cabinet were sentenced to imprisonment for life; General Maidenoff to fifteen years; while other ministers and generals received sentences ranging from ten years to five years.

All those who have been convicted lose their political and civic rights for life. They are also ordered to pay, collectively, war damages amounting to thirty-two milliard leva.

NORTH IRELAND FINANCES. GOVERNMENT SHOWS A SURPLUS.

LONDON, March 31st.
The North Ireland Government, in a statement of income and expenditure, for its first complete year, shows a surplus of £22,048 after paying the statutory contribution, approximately £26,000,000, to the British Exchequer for Imperial service.

ROUND THE WORLD BY AIR.

ISTRE, March 31st.
The Bapt Mission, which has started an attempt to tour the world by air, including the aviators Picard, Gaillard and Madon, with three machines, Bapt joins them at Nice.

NEW FLYING RECORDS.

STAMPA, March 31st.
Lieut. Batelier broke the world's flying record for 500 kilometres. His average speed per hour was 184 kilometres. Lieut. Carrié flew 1,000 kilometres at an average speed of 150 kilometres. This is also a record.

UNITED KINGDOM REVENUE.

BUDGET SURPLUS OF £101,500,000.

LONDON, March 31st.

The revenue of the United Kingdom, for the year ending March 31st, 1933, amounted to £914,000,000; a decrease of £311,000,000, compared with the previous year.

The principal increases were, motor duties, £1,250,000; estate duties, £4,500,000; stamps, £2,500,000; corporations profits tax £1,500,000; and telephones, £3,000,000. The decreases were, customs, £7,000,000; excise, £37,000,000; property income tax, £30,000,000; excess profits duties, £28,500,000; postal services, £5,000,000; and loan interest, £4,000,000.

The total expenditure was £812,500,000, indicating a Budget surplus of £101,500,000.

The customs yielded £153,000,000; excise, £157,000,000; income tax, including super-tax, £379,000,000—being £50,000,000 above the estimate; but excess profits duties produced only £2,800,000.

The total floating debt on March 31st was £809,000,000, being a net decrease of £209,000,000.

A WARNING FROM THE "OBSERVER."

The *Observer*, in spite of the large surplus warns taxpayers against over-optimism, saying that it is not likely that the Baldwin Budget, for revenue, will be more than £240,000,000 during the coming year, while we are already obliged to face an expenditure of £300,000,000, with the practical certainty of another £30,000,000 for the supplementary estimates.

WORLD OF SPORT.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION CUP FINAL.

... CELTIC WIN AN EXCITING GAME.

GLASGOW, March 31st.
In the Scottish Association Cup final, Celtic beat Hibernian by 1 to nil.

The match was played in fine weather, before 60,000 spectators. It provided a stern struggle, and throughout play was fast and exciting. At the interval neither side had scored.

After twenty minutes' play in the second-half, the Hibernian goal-keeper ran out to save, but Cassidy beat him, and rushing in, headed into the net. Celtic won on their merits, as their forwards played by far the best game.

HOME FOOTBALL.

LEAGUE (FIRST DIVISION).

LONDON, March 30th.
Following are the results in the First Division matches played on Good Friday.

Aston Villa	1	Chelsea	0
Bolton W.	0	Everton	2
Burnley	0	Cardiff City	2
Liverpool	2	Sheffield United	1
Sunderland	2	Manchester C.	0
Tottenham H.	1	Manchester N.E.	1
Nottingham F.	2	Middelebro	0
Oldham	0	Newcastle U.	0

Following are the results of Saturday's First Division matches.

Arsenal	2	Aston Villa	0
Fulham	0	Liverpool	1
Blackburn R.	0	Oldham A.	0
Bolton W.	1	Middlesbrough	1
Sunderland	1	Tottenham H.	0
Cardiff C.	1	Preston N.E.	0
Manchester C.	1	Chelsea	0
Everton	1	Burnley	0
Huddersfield T.	0	Newcastle U.	0
Stoke	0	Nottingham F.	0
West Bromwich	4	Sheffield United	0

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Albion	2	Rangers	1
Ayr United	2	Partick T.	0
Glyde	3	Motherwell	0
Alloa	0	Airdrieonians	3
Hamilton A.	0	Dundee	0
Hearts	0	Aberdeen	0
Kilmarnock	3	Morton	2

NEAR EAST CONVERSATIONS.

LONDON, March 29th.
The Italian and Japanese representatives for the Near East conversations have left London for Paris.

ALLIED REPLY TO TURKEY PRESENTED.

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 31st.
The Allied reply to the Turkish counter-proposals has been presented.

EARLIER CABLES.

THE BRITISH CIVIL SERVICE ESTIMATES.

FOREIGN SERVICE INCREASES AND REDUCTIONS.

LONDON, March 29th.
Details of the Civil Service estimates are published. The total for the foreign service is £1,231,000, being a reduction of £219,000. Half of this decrease is due to a cessation of grants to refugees in the Near East. Salaries and allowances have generally increased, and include £18,000 diplomatic and £3,000 for general consular posts, £11,500 sterling for China, and £4,000 for Japan and Siam; but the refund to the Indian revenue for services in China, Persia, Arabia and Siam has been diminished by £222,000.

LATEST CABLES.

ZAGHLUL PASHA TO VISIT A SPA.

LONDON, March 30th.

The British Government has given instructions for the release of Zaghlul Pasha from Gibraltar for reasons of health. It is understood that Zaghlul proceeds to France for the purpose of taking a course of waters.

ZAGHLUL'S RELEASE WELCOMED IN EGYPT.

LONDON, March 31st.

Diplomatic correspondents in London emphasize the fact that ex-Premier Zaghlul has been allowed to take the cure at Tovi implies that he will be permitted to return to Egypt.

The British Government has not changed its attitude that there must be good sound conditions in Egypt, whose Government must pass the Indemnity Bill before he is allowed to return.

CAIRO, March 31st.

The news of Zaghlul's release is welcomed with the utmost joy. All the newspapers issued special editions announcing his release.

MANIFESTO BY BRITISH LABOUR MEMBERS.

LONDON, March 31st.

Additional interest is lent to the action of the Government in ordering the release of the Egyptian Nationalist leader, Zaghlul, in view of the fact that nearly a hundred members of the House of Commons, mostly Labour members, issued a manifesto on Thursday, urging a new policy in Egypt, and the release of Zaghlul, as calculated to lead to a permanent settlement.

RELEASE DUE TO LORD ALLENBY.

CAIRO, March 31st.

The Premier told the pressmen that the release of Zaghlul had been approved by Field Marshal Allenby on March 22nd, and therefore it was not connected in anywise with the subsequently published manifesto of members of the House of Commons, but was greatly due to Field-Marshal Allenby himself.

The Premier added that, up to the present, no decision had been reached regarding the deportees at Seydhalles, but the Egyptian Government did not despair regarding a satisfactory result of their representations, in the near future.

EARLIER CABLES.

INDIA'S FINANCIAL CREDIT.

VICEROY DEFENDS DOUBLING OF THE SALT TAX.

DELHI, March 30th.

Lord Reading has certified the Finance Bill doubling the salt tax.

The Viceroy has issued a statement defending his action on the ground that it is essential to the interests of India and the discharge of his responsibility towards Parliament. He dwells on the necessity for the rehabilitation of India's credit, and the insistence of the Press and public on financial equilibrium. The absence of alternatives to the increased salt tax, suggests unbalanced budgets which would involve dangers for the future of India, perhaps greater than any constitutional or political health of the country. He points out that the salt tax earlier was higher than now, and the proposed increase would have an infinite small effect on the poorer classes, with favourable wages and reduced food prices. Any attack on the reform scheme on account of his certification could only be due to misapprehension. He is convinced that the action will prove of ultimate benefit in the development of reforms and advancement of India.

AMERICA'S RHINE EXPENSES.

COMMITTEES PLAN FOR REPARATION.

PARIS, March 30th.

The Committee on the cost of the American army of occupation examining the American and Allied proposals for a settlement of the reparations problem, have agreed to the following principles: Payment to America with absolute priority of a milliard gold marks, less the value of the material handed over at the Armistice, estimated at 30 to 40 million gold marks. Payment is to be made by twelve annual instalments of 80 millions, without interest, the special payments in the first four years annual payments, and if such payments be below the necessary figure, the balance is to be carried forward, but from the fifth year, America shall receive the whole amount of the annual payments due, irrespective of the payments by Germany.

LENIN REPORTED DYING.

MILITARY DICTATORSHIP PLANNED.

HELSINKI, March 29th.

A bulletin regarding M. Lenin records the fact that digestive disturbances are causing a rise of temperature to 100.2.

STOCKHOLM, March 29th.

The *Svenska Dagbladet* has received a sensational story, alleged to be based on a confidential message from Moscow to the Soviet Legation at Helsinki, to the effect that Lenin is dying and that after his death a military dictatorship will be formed comprising Trotsky and five others.

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FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

BRITISH PORTION OF BOXER INDEMNITY.

SUGGESTED. CENTRAL EDUCATION COMMISSION.

LONDON, March 31st.

The question of how to use the British portion of the Boxer Indemnity has been discussed in an article published in the *Observer*, which advocates the establishment of a central education commission, at Shanghai or Peking, to administer the funds, in touch with local or provincial education committees at the chief centres throughout China.

Foreigners and Chinese should sit in equal numbers, with equal powers, on all these bodies; while the central commission would make grants to universities, and allocate sums to the local committees, which, within the limits laid down by the commission, would be free to subsidise such schools and institutions in their area, as they judged needed help.

The writer advocates the gathering of institutions established sporadically, not those established co-ordinately, by British Missions and other bodies, into a system parallel in grading to the Chinese national system, and the working of each with the declared object of its ultimate absorption therein.

SITUATION IN FUKIEN.

POSITION BECOMING MORE CONFUSED.

PEKING, March 31st.

The situation in Fukien has become confused by reason of the uncertainty of the attitude of General Wang Yun Chuan and Admiral Liu Kwang Hsiang. The Government is considering appointing the latter commissioner of coastal defences in Fukien.

General Yen Shih Tang, Commander-in-Chief of the twenty-fifth division of the Chihli army has arrived at Tungkuang, on the Shensi border. It is reported that portion of the Chihli army has gone to Szechuan to reinforce General Yang Sen, together with a portion of the first Shensi division.

ORIENTAL (CINEMA) COMPANY'S ISSUE.

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NEW YORK, March 31st.

It is announced that the issue of the Oriental Company, mentioned in a cable message dated March 27th, has been entirely placed with investors in America and Europe.

FRENCH COMMERCIAL AND POLITICAL MISSION.

PAYING A VISIT TO SHANGHAI.

SHANGHAI, March 31st.

A French flying squadron, comprising the cruisers *Victor Hugo* and *Jules Michelet*, carrying a commercial and political mission, has arrived at Shanghai. They were welcomed by the Consul-General and leading members of the French Colony.

CHINA AND JAPAN.

ALLEGED ILL-TREATMENT OF CHINESE STUDENTS.

TSEO MO KWAN, chairman of the recent mass meeting for the abrogation of the Twenty One Demands, has telegraphed to the Japanese Premier, Baron Kato, protesting against the alleged ill-treatment of Chinese students at Tokyo, as a result of the demonstration on March 20th.

LANSING-ISHII AGREEMENT CANCELLED.

WASHINGTON, March 30th.

The Lansing-Ishii agreement, whereby the United States recognised Japan's special interests in China, has been cancelled by mutual agreement between Washington and Tokyo.

AMERICA'S FAVOURABLE POSITION IN FAR EAST.

The cancellation of the agreement is regarded as placing the diplomatic affairs of the United States in a more favourable position in the Far East, than at any time since the questions began to arise between the United States and Japan. The negotiations resulted in a new understanding, on the basis of the Washington Nine Power Treaty.

RAILWAY LOANS FOR CHINA.

ATTITUDE OF THE CONSORTIUM.

LONDON, March 29th.

In the House of Commons, replying to Sir Walter De Frece, Mr. Ronald McNeill said he was not aware that the Consortium had received any request from China for loans for railway construction. The Government, and doubtless the other Consortium Powers also, would gladly do anything it properly could to facilitate railway construction in China, on being satisfied that a reasonable standard of efficiency would be maintained on both existing and future railways, and that they would be placed on a sound financial footing.

WHITE RUSSIANS IN SIBERIA.

JAPAN DENIES ARMING THEM.

LONDON, March 30th.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald has written to Baron Hayashi saying he hopes for the sake of the good feeling between Japan and the British working classes that no such steps as a Russian note to Japan protesting against the arming of a White army in East Siberia for the purpose of reopening hostilities. Baron Hayashi, replying, says the remnants of the White army in North Saghalien. The Ambassador cited the recent statement of Baron Uchida, the Foreign Minister, as showing that the Russian note is based on misinformation or misunderstanding.

BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE.

EXCITEMENT IN THE FRENCH CHAMBER.

PARIS, March 30th.

An all-night sitting of the Chamber of Deputies produced an excited exchange when M. Ybarnegar requested a discussion regarding the Banque Industrielle de Chine. He violently attacked M. Briand. The latter, replying, when M. Poincare had intervened, declared that he did not know what M. Poincare had meant, namely, that M. Bartholemy received money from his brother. He stated that penal responsibility would be established, but it must be done by methods of justice.

A ROGUE IN POLITICS.

AMAZING CAREER OF G. A. JENNINGS.

SWINDLER AS CANDIDATE FOR PARLIAMENT.

The story of the remarkable career of George Augustus Jennings, Liberal candidate for North Paddington at the general election, who was sentenced at the Old Bailey last month to four years' penal servitude for fraud, is told in *London Evening News* in an article from which the following extracts are taken.

Even to-day there are women in the constituency who have the delusion that he was really as honest as he was affable and that he has been retired from a life of liberty because of some mysterious political plot. But he is exactly what the Recorder called him at the Old Bailey, "a more adventurer."

He wore an eyeglass. He wore the silk hat, the morning coat, the white spots of the blameless life. He arrived in the constituency in a Rolls-Royce motor-car and with a Rolls-Royce manner all his own. But he was a consummate liar—a swindler who had made an art of the business.

This "fake" Army captain who wanted to be an M.P. has been dealing in frauds for twelve years. He had lots of energy, a keen brain and a public school education. He founded his arts on a study of the life of one of the most famous swindlers and tricksters, Commodore Waverley, and about 1912 made the acquaintance of James Farrel, another student of the same remarkable criminal.

Then, in a slack season, Jennings, very hard up, obtained money from residents in Galashiels by posing as a sanitary inspector, and received his first sentence of 20 days' hard labour.

Under the influence of Percival Jennings developed into a London adventurer, frequenting the West End resorts and mixing with the confidence tricksters who abounded just before the war. His service during the war was negligible, but when it was over he claimed rank as a captain, told of bad wounds he had received, and actually persuaded the Pensions Ministry to give him a pension.

After this Jennings obtained advertising work with a reputable firm, designed an ingenious fraud, was discovered and went to prison for 18 months.

On his release in 1921 he lived in Fowling square with a confidence man named Robert Fair, a member of a good Irish family, but deeply involved in the smuggling of cocaine into this country.

After Jennings' cast about for some other means of making money. By various means he wormed his way into the central offices of the Liberal Association in Abingdon-street, and when North Paddington wanted a "Wee Free" candidate, Jennings was sent, along, having extracted money from the association.

The executive committee became suspicious of Jennings, however, when some of his cheques were returned marked "B.D." and his borrowing of "fivers" in the district became general knowledge.

He told, in defence, a wonderful story of the death of his father-in-law, and of a legacy due to him in a few days. So eloquent was he that members of the committee accepted his explanation, though he carefully refrained from giving his defence the "red light" Jennings now showed towards the Lloyd George Liberals.

There is good ground for believing that he received two days' before 2300 which he received two days' before his arrest came from a certain political organisation.

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BANKING AMALGAMATIONS. COMPETITION OR STRENGTH?

The following interesting observations on this subject are by a city correspondent of *The Observer*—

The recent acquisition by Lloyds Bank of the business of Messrs. Cox and Co., the well-known Army bankers, closely followed by the amalgamation of Glyn Mills Currie and Co. with Holt and Co., have revived interest in the subject of banking amalgamations. With the exception of a few provincial banks, chiefly in the Lancashire district, the banking facilities of England are now in the hands of seven institutions, consisting of what are known as the Big Five, and two other institutions—the Bank of Liverpool and Martins and the Williams' Bank. To the absorption of more Army agents by a great banking institution there can be little or no objection, except, perhaps, a sentimental objection, and it is heard expressing much sentiment over the ways of the Bank; but to the principle of diminishing the number of banks by combination, which has been so marked a feature of recent years, grave objection has often been raised.

"THE BIG FIVE." The late Sir Edward Holden was probably the most powerful supporter of the amalgamation movement, and it was largely due to the activities of the London City and Midland Bank, under his guidance, that the other great London banks adopted similar measures. It was his recreation to motor about the country studying bank branches and bank sites. Under its present style of the London Joint City and Midland Bank, this institution now embodies no fewer than thirty-three other banks taken over during the period from 1851 to 1920, the most important unions having been effected since 1917, in which year the Belfast Banking Company was acquired by the purchase of its share capital, while in the following year amalgamation with the London Joint Stock Bank was effected, and in 1922 the share capital of the Clydesdale Bank was acquired. In the process of these absorptions the bank has attained a position of pre-eminence as regards the magnitude of its deposits, which exceed £350,000,000. It is practically equalled by Lloyds Bank, with its latest Cox extension, which involves an addition of approximately £18,500,000 to its existing total of about £330,000,000 of deposits. Even before the Holden enterprise Lloyds Bank was noted for its large number of ramifications. The principal constituents of the bank now are the Capital and Counties Bank, absorbed in 1918, the National Bank of Scotland, practically the whole of the capital of which was acquired in 1918, and the London and River Plate Bank.

BARCLAYS AND WESTMINSTER. Third on the magnitude list is Barclays Bank, with upwards of £300,000,000 of deposits, built up greatly by amalgamation and absorption. The bank absorbed the London Provincial and South Western Bank in 1918, and a year later secured the large share capital of the Union Bank of Manchester, and practically the whole of the stock of the British Linen Bank, a great Scottish institution, and in 1920 the share capital of the Anglo-Egyptian Bank was acquired.

The London County Westminster and Parr's Bank was a title which indicated the principal banks involved in comparatively recent amalgamation processes. Cumbersome nomenclature is a handicap, and the name has just been changed to the Westminster Bank, Ltd.

ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES. The era of bank amalgamation was divided into two periods. First there was the period when the more important London institutions absorbed the less important banks of the provinces, and then there came the period, just before the war and during it, when having almost completed the process they took to amalgamating with each other. There was often an outcry even against the former process. The argument against it was that the local banking firm had personal knowledge of the district and the customers, whereas such knowledge was rendered of comparatively little use when so frequently over-ruled by the cast-iron regulations from London headquarters. The reply of the bankers was that such knowledge was welcomed, and that the great London institution serving several districts could transfer money and loan facilities from one district where for the time being they were not much wanted, to another in which they were in eager demand. There was also the even more important reply that by these amalgamations and absorptions the local banks were greatly strengthened, and this cannot be denied; whereas in periods of stress banks used to go down like ninepins all over the country, the failure of a bank of any real importance has for years been a rarity.

"MONEY TRUST" SCARE. Considerable as was the opposition to the absorption of the smaller country banks by the larger London ones it was small compared with the opposition when the great banks, thus built up, began to amalgamate with each other. The opposition culminated in a cry that a "Money Trust" was being formed, and about five years ago a Treasury Committee was appointed to inquire into the matter. It pointed out the dangers and recommended no banking amalgamation without the authorisation of a Government Committee. Such a committee was appointed, but it seemed to authorise for there has been great banking amalgamation since. Yet nothing has happened except some grumbling on the part of a few traders as to restricted facilities. Banking competition among the giants seems keener, if anything, than it was among the pigmies.

It is still a debatable point whether the community is better or worse under the new system than under the old, but it seems obvious that large and powerful banks are indispensable under modern conditions. Not only have our bankers been forced to consolidate in order to be in a position to face a corresponding growth of huge banking combinations abroad—particularly in Germany and the United States—but the size and many of our home industrial concerns have assumed in their justification for the continuation of banks with enormous credit resources at their disposal.

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LONDON AS THE FINANCIAL CENTRE.

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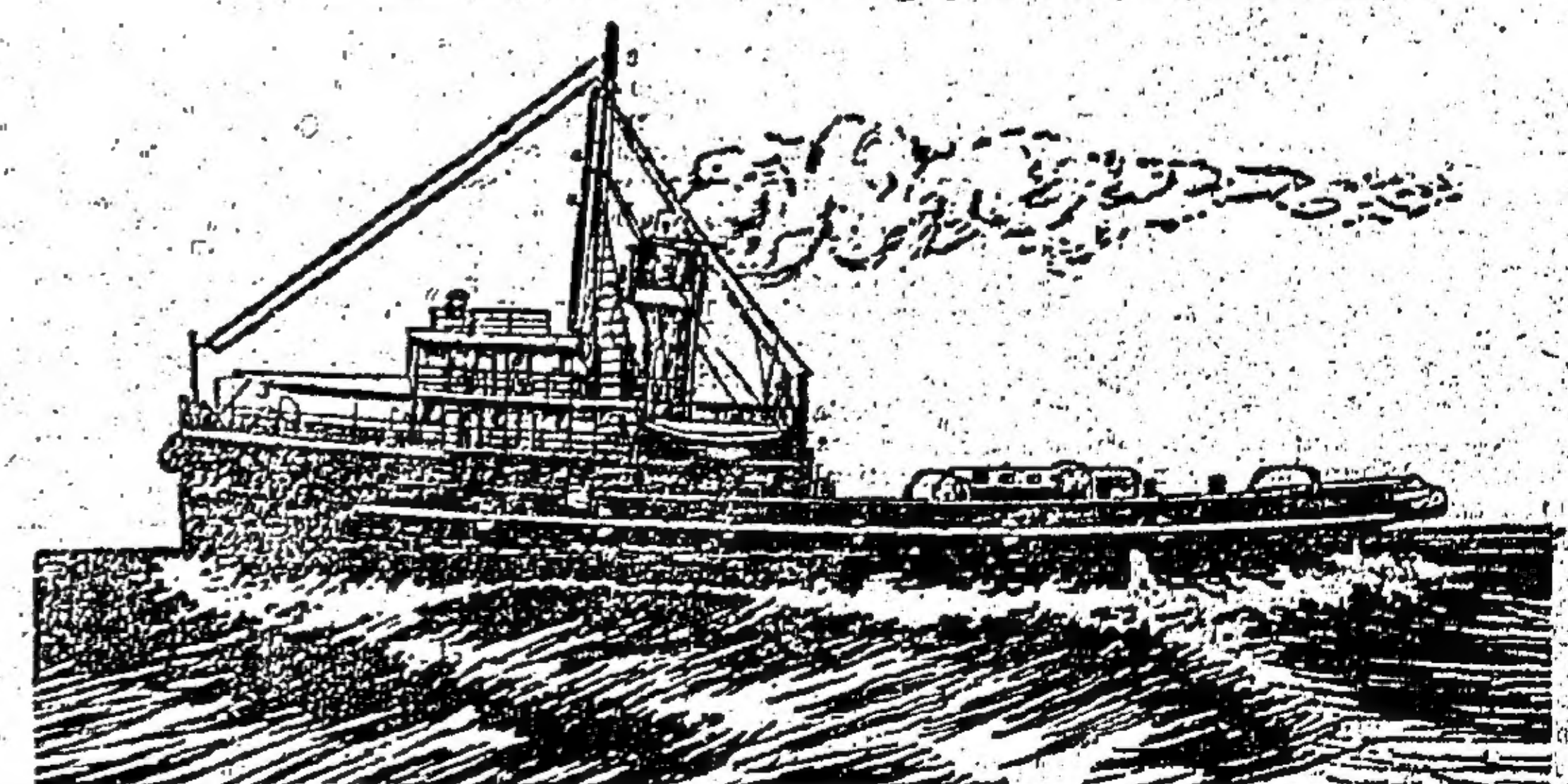
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HAIPHONG	Haiphong	On 5th Apr. Noon
SHANGHAI	Shanghai	On 5th Apr. 4 p.m.
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